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SUBJECT: NO REPORTED INCIDENTS OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN UAE

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Post is not aware of any incidents of anti-Semitism taking place in the UAE from July 1, 2003, until the present. In the 2003 Human Rights Report and in the 2004 International Religious Freedom Report we reported on the controversy surrounding the closure of the Zayed Center for Coordination and Follow-up (ZCCF), an Abu Dhabi-based think tank. In August 2003, the UAEG closed the ZCCF for sponsoring anti-Jewish activities, stating that it "starkly contradicted the principles of interfaith tolerance" advocated by the president. Critics worldwide cited multiple examples of anti-Jewish literature, website material, and lectures sponsored by the ZCCF, and began an international publicity campaign to expose the center's anti-Jewish bias. The center strongly refuted the charges. The organization has not reopened, and similar organizations do not exist in the UAE.

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